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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Requests for Copies of McNamara Project

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1. As you are aware, Alain Enthoven has asked for a copy of the "Will to Persist" study. I have a call in to his office and, when he returns it, plan to tell him that since this study was done for the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary (or his Office) will have to approve additional distribution within the DOD. Hence, we cannot accommodate him without a request (or approval) to do so from the Secretary's Office.

2. Chester Cooper called yesterday (20 September) to say he had heard that we had done an independent look at VC morale which put the [redacted] material in some perspective and would like to have a copy. I told him this was an annex (it is Annex VI) to a report done for McNamara and I would have to touch a few bases before releasing the annex to him. Actually, I see no reason why he shouldn't have it and Annex VII ("Morale Among the People in Viet Cong Areas") as well, but wanted to get your approval before sending them over.

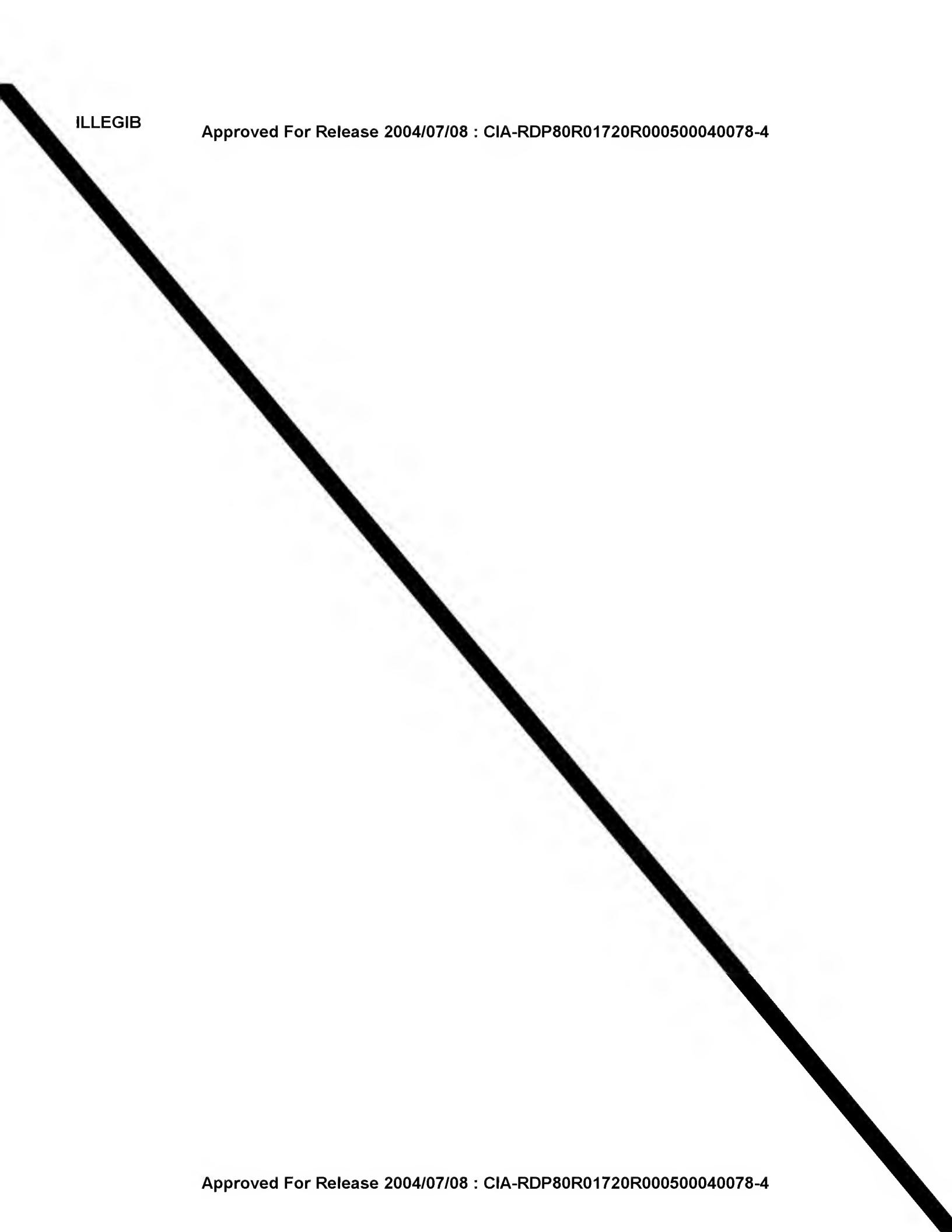
3. It appears that there may be a number of requests from outside the Agency for the McNamara paper or one or more of its various annexes. You may wish to continue passing on each request personally, but doing so may take (cumulatively) a good deal of your time -- which already has too many claims on it. Release of this document or its component parts must obviously be tightly controlled from a single point. Do you want to delegate that responsibility to, say, the DDI, [redacted] or to me -- or do you prefer to keep it yourself, at least for now?

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